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In Remembrance of Jean van Heijenoort (1912–1986)

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Historian of logic Jean van Heijenoort died unexpectedly on March 28, 1986, in Mexico City, at the age of seventy-three. He had been Professor Emeritus in the Department of Philosophy and History of Ideas at Brandeis University since 1977.

Van Heijenoort is best known as editor of *From Frege to Gödel: A Source Book in Mathematical Logic, 1879–1931* and as editor of *Jacques Herbrand, Ecrits Logiques*. At the time of his death, he was serving as a coeditor of *Kurt Gödel, Collected Works*, volume one of which has just recently appeared. He was also looking forward to the appearance of a collection of his own writings in history and philosophy of logic, scheduled for publication shortly.

In addition to his work in history and philosophy of logic, van Heijenoort had a number of important results in general logic and proof theory which had not been published, but were circulated in photocopies among his colleagues and students. Among these were his proofs of the soundness and completeness of the falsifiability tree method for propositional calculus (1973), for quantification theory, i.e., first-order functional calculus (1972), and for simple theory of types with extensionality (1972).